GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AGREEMENT WITH CHINA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether China and India have reached to an agreement to allow airlines of both countries beyond points;

(b) if so, whether India has same agreement with other countries but in absence of international flights by its airlines the other countries gain the most;

(c) if so, whether the agreement with China is likely to meet the same fate in absence of airlines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and steps taken or being taken by the Government to reap the benefits of this agreement?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): Yes, Sir. During the recently held bilateral air services talks between India and China on 19-20 March, 2008 in New Delhi, it was agreed that the Indian designated carriers may operate beyond China to San Francisco in USA.

(b): Traffic rights for international air services operations are specified in the Route Schedule attached with Bilateral Air Services Agreement with foreign countries specifying points of origin, points of destinations, intermediate and beyond points. Airlines are free to mount services as per the respective Route Schedule and as per their commercial judgement.

(c)and (d): The Government has permitted Jet Airways to operate daily services on Mumbai -Shanghai - San Francisco route after reaching an agreement with Chinese side to have San Francisco as beyond point for Indian carriers.